

REMARKS

Upon entry of this paper, claims 1-8, 11-18, and 21-25 are pending in this application. The specification and claims 1-7, 11, 12, and 18 are directly amended herein. Furthermore, claims 9, 10, 19, and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 21-25 are newly added. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

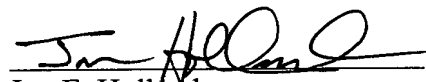
The present application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/490,395. For at least the reasons set forth in the Second Response filed on April 22, 2003, for Application No. 09/490,395, Applicants submits that the pending claims of the instant application are allowable.

Favorable action with regard to the instant application is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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